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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and

I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which:

X is attached hereto.

— was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

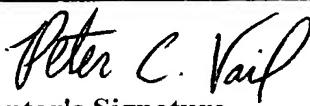
I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: MICHAEL L. DIAZ, Reg. No.40,588 of the firm of Michael L. Diaz, P.C., 555 Republic Drive, Suite 200, Plano, Texas 75074.

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